

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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KENNETH CREIGHTON,

Plaintiff,

-against-

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DETECTIVE DEAN ROBERTS (Shield No. 05861), DETECTIVE GLENN GODINO (Shield No. 2756), POLICE OFFICERS JOHN DOES 1-10 (names being fictitious and presently unknown and intended to be employees of the NYPD who were involved in Plaintiff's arrest, detention, imprisonment, and/or prosecution), DISTRICT ATTORNEY ROBERT T. JOHNSON, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY BRUCE BIRNS A/K/A BURNS, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY ED TALTY a/k/a ED TULTY and ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY MICHAEL COOPER,

Defendants.

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**DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE  
TO PLAINTIFF'S  
ASSERTIONS OF FACTS IN  
RESPONSE TO  
DEFENDANTS'  
STATEMENT PURSUANT  
TO LOCAL RULE 56.1**

1:12-cv-07454-PGG-DCF

Defendants City of New York, Dean Roberts, Glenn Godino, Robert T. Johnson,

Bruce Birns and Ed Talty submit this response to Plaintiff's Assertions of Facts in Response to

Defendants' Statement Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 56.1 as follows:<sup>1,2,3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Defendants note that in many instances, plaintiff's denials of defendants' factual assertions are not supported by any citation to the evidentiary record and/or are improperly based solely on argument. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff's Response to Defendants' Rule 56.1 Statement at ¶¶ 6, 7, 12, 13, 15, 18, 19, 26, 30, 31, 35, 36, 38, 39, 42, 43, 47. Accordingly, defendants have not responded to those unsupported denials and respectfully submit that the Court should strike such denials and deem the factual assertions to have been admitted.

<sup>2</sup> Where plaintiff does support his denials with citation to the evidentiary record he generally has referred to subsequent paragraphs contained within the section labeled "Plaintiff's Asserts of Facts in response to Defendants [sic] Statement Pursuant to Local Rule 56.1." Defendants' responses follow below. The one exception, however, is paragraphs 51 through 53 in which plaintiff asserts that the eyewitness (improperly described as "the CI") was not unavailable at the

58. Detectives from the 42nd detective squad, including Detective Glenn Godino (“Godino”), the lead detective, responded to the scene within an hour of the shooting. Exh. K, p.357 LL. 3-5.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. Rather, the cited evidence establishes only that Detective Godino’s present recollection is that he arrived at the scene within an hour of the shooting, although Detective Godino also testified that he does not recall what time he arrived at the scene. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 114:18-115:2. In any event, this is not a material fact.

59. Fawaz Terab (“Terab”), was the owner of a bodega known [sic] “Prospect Mini Mart” located [sic] 820 East 168th Street, Bronx, near the area where the shooting took place. Exh. II: Fawaz Terab sworn statement dated February 21, 2013.

**RESPONSE:** Admit but note that plaintiff appears to have mistakenly referred to his Exhibit II, instead of his Exhibit G. In any event, this is not a material fact.

60. Terab was in the bodega at the time the gun was passed to Dior. Exh. O: Terab Deposition, p. 9 L. 3-10.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

61. Prior to December 26, 2006, Terab knew Dior. Exh. O, p.7 L.23; p.8 L.7.

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time the charges against plaintiff were dismissed. Defendants deny that assertion as the evidence cited by plaintiff does not support it. Specifically, the evidence cited by plaintiff does not reference any specific time period. In addition, the cited evidence supports only that the eyewitness presently “believes” that he informed his handler that he would not testify against Dior Creighton at trial. The eyewitness testified that he “can’t remember saying” that he would not testify against plaintiff at trial. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. U at 149:9-14. In any event, plaintiff’s assertions are not material.

<sup>3</sup> To the extent that the Court reads Plaintiff’s Assertions of Facts in Response to Defendants’ Statement Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 56.1 in conjunction with, and in addition to, Plaintiff’s 56.1 Statement submitted with his motion for summary judgment, defendants respectfully refer the Court to Defendants’ Response to Plaintiff’s Statement Pursuant to Local Rule 56.1.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

62. Prior to December 26, 2006, Terab knew plaintiff, Creighton. Exh. O, p.8 L8-L16.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

63. Prior to December 26, 2006, Terab knew a man by the name of Kijafa Spruell ("Spruell"). Exh. O. p.8 L8-L16.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

64. Terab often saw Spruell and Dior together in the bodega. Exh. K, p.152 LL.17-25; p.153 L.6-17.

**RESPONSE:** Admit except note that the evidence cited by plaintiff supports only that Mr. Terab told that to Det. Godino.

65. There was a surveillance DVR camera in the bodega at the time a gun was passed to [sic]. Exh. O, p.13 L.20-24.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that there was at least one security camera in the bodega on December 26, 2006.

66. After the shooting, Terab reviewed surveillance video taken at the time of the passing of the gun in the bodega. Exh. O, p.19 LL.16-18.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

67. On or about December 27, 2006, the surveillance video was extracted from the DVR located in the bodega and given [sic] one of the investigating detectives conducting the investigation. Exh. K, p. 52 LL.18-24; p.103 LL. 12-17; p.141 LL.4-9; Exh. O, p.31 LL.15-16.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

68. Godino reviewed the surveillance video before December 31, 2006. Exh. K, p.103 LL.12-23.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

69. Godino did not find any inaccuracies when comparing Terab's stated observations to the surveillance video. Exh. K, p.151 LL.6-12.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. It is unclear what is meant by this statement. Defendants admit only that Detective Godino answered "No," subject to an objection, to the following question: "Given that you had looked at the video before you wrote this statement, did you observe anything, at the time that you took the statement, on the video that led you to believe that there was anything inaccurate about what Mr. Terab said that he observed?" at his deposition.

70. Godino did not request to have the video or photographs enhanced to make a positive identification of who was passing the gun. Exh. K, p.406 L.4-10.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. Rather, the cited evidence supports only that Det. Godino testified at his deposition that he did not "ask TARU to see if they could take still photographs off the video and enhance them so that a positive identification could be made about who was passing the gun." However, still photographs of the surveillance footage were created and were enhanced. *See, e.g.,* Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 403:25-404:9; Still Photographs, annexed to the Declaration of Kavin Thadani dated July 11, 2016 ("Thadani Decl.") as Ex. A.<sup>4</sup>

71. The original video surveillance disappeared after it was turned over to the District Attorney's Office. Exh. K, p.338 LL.6-15; p.337-338, p.343 L.3 - 1.6; p.344- p.345.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. Upon information and belief, the original videotape containing the surveillance footage is currently located at the Office of the Corporation Counsel and a copy of

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<sup>4</sup> This Declaration was served in connection with defendants' opposition to plaintiff's motion for partial summary judgment. All exhibits cited herein are either to plaintiff's exhibits in connection with his motion for partial summary judgment or to defendants' exhibits in connection with their opposition to plaintiff's motion for partial summary judgment.

that videotape, produced by the District Attorney's Office during the pendency of the criminal case, is in the possession of plaintiff's attorneys. *See* Photographs of Videotapes, Thadani Decl., Ex. B; Plaintiff Ex. O (Terab Dep.) at 16:25-17:11; *see also* Dec. 13, 2007 Criminal Court Transcript, Thadani Decl., Ex. C, at 2:11-16. In any event, this is not a material fact.

72. The original surveillance tape was never returned to the police by the district [sic] Attorney's office [sic]. Exh. K, p.345 LL.13-20.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. The evidence cited by plaintiff only supports that Det. Godino testified that he does not remember getting the tape back. Upon information and belief, the original videotape containing the surveillance footage is currently located at the Office of the Corporation Counsel and a copy of that videotape, produced by the District Attorney's Office during the pendency of the criminal case, is in the possession of plaintiff's attorneys. *See* Photographs of Videotapes, Thadani Decl., Ex. B; Plaintiff Ex. O (Terab Dep.) at 16:25-17:11; *see also* Dec. 13, 2007 Criminal Court Transcript, Thadani Decl., Ex. C, at 2:11-16. In any event, this is not a material fact.

73. Godino reviewed the original surveillance video with defendant, ADA Bruce Birns ("Birns") but he does not remember when they did so. Exh. K, Godino p.373 LL.2- 15; p.373 LL.2-24.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

74. Still photographs were made from the videotape. Exh. K, p.403 L.25 - p.404 L.18.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

75. On December 31, 2006, Godino interviewed Terab at the 42nd precinct. Exh. O, p. 141 L.10 -13.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

76. On December 31, 2006, merely five days following the shooting, Terab identified Spruell as the person he observed passing the gun to Dior in the bodega on December 26, 2006. Exh. K p.140 LL.10-22; Exhibit G.

**RESPONSE:** Admit but note that, immediately after the shooting, Mr. Terab told police that he did not see anything. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. O (Terab Dep.) at 32:23-33:4.

77. On December 31, 2006, Terab provided a sworn statement to Godino identifying Spruell as the person who passed a gun to Dior at the bodega on December 26, 2006. Exh. G, Exh. K, p.140 LL.9-13; Exh. G.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that Mr. Terab signed a written statement on December 31, 2006 which states that he saw “Kafia” hand a gun to “Dior” inside of the bodega, and note that plaintiff appears to have mistakenly referred to his Exhibit G, instead of his Exhibit II.

78. Terab also identified Spruell from a photo array as the person who passed the gun to Dior in the bodega on December 26, 2006. Exh. Z, Photographic Lineup NYC004747.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that, on December 31, 2006, Mr. Terab identified Mr. Spruell from a photo array.

79. Terab identified Dior in a photo array as the person who received the gun in the bodega on December 26, 2006. Exh. AA, Photographic Lineup NYC004590

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

80. Terab gave Godino Spruell and Dior’s names so he could pull their mugshots for a photo array. Exh. K, p.434-435.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

81. On December 31, 2006, Godino concluded that Terab had no doubt about who passed the gun and had given specific information about what he had directly observed. Exh. K, p.392 L.24 - p.393 L.12.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. Rather, the cited evidence supports only that, during his deposition, in response to the question “Was there anything that led you to believe on December 31, 2006 when Terab specifically picked Spruell and Dior out of the lineups and gave you the written statement that we talked about on the prior occasion that he had any doubt in his mind as to who passed the gun, at that time?”, Det. Godino responded, subject to objection, “No, he did not.”

82. As of December 31, 2006, Dior was a suspect in the shooting. Exh. K, p.399 LL.8 - 22.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. Rather, the cited evidence supports only that Dior Creighton was a suspect in the shooting in general, without establishing any specific timeframe.

83. As of December 31, 2006 no one had implicated Creighton in any criminal activity in connection with the shooting. Exh. K, p.399 LL.8-22.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. In addition, an eyewitness testified that he called Det. Elliott of the New York City Police Department minutes after the shooting and informed him that he saw plaintiff pass the gun in the store. *See, e.g.,* Plaintiff Ex. U at 21:25-22:9, 56:15-57:2. Det. Roberts had also identified plaintiff from the surveillance footage. *See, e.g.,* Plaintiff Ex. OO (Roberts Dep.). at 59:15-60:7.

84. On December 31, 2006, based on Terab's signed statement and identification of Spruell as the person who passed the gun to Dior, there was probable cause to arrest Spruell. Exh. K, p.153 LL.18-25.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. This is an improper opinion, argument and legal conclusion, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken.

85. Terab testified during his deposition in this case that Spruell, not Creighton, passed the gun to Dior. Exh. O, p.43 LL.11-16.

**RESPONSE:** Admit. However, defendants note that, through his criminal defense attorney, plaintiff has admitted to loaning Mr. Terab \$15,000 sometime after his release in January 2012. *See, e.g.*, Mar. 8, 2016 Crim. Ct. Transcript, Thadani Decl., Ex. F, at 6:23-25. Plaintiff also invoked his 5th Amendment right against self-incrimination at his deposition when asked about whether he ever paid Mr. Terab to make any statements in connection with this case, whether he ever promised Mr. Terab any money for his testimony in this case, and whether he ever paid Mr. Terab any money to testify that he saw Mr. Spruell pass the gun, instead of him. K. Creighton Dep. (May 27, 2016), Thadani Decl., Ex. G, at 17:21-18:7, 19:1-19:6, 38:4:18. Defendants further note that Mr. Terab has previously indicated that he is fearful of plaintiff and that plaintiff has physically assaulted him, robbed him, and threatened to kill him, and that he would never repeat that it was plaintiff who passed the gun in his store. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 183:13-24; Plaintiff Ex. R (Gottlieb Dep.) at 218:24-220:17; Mar. 7, 2016 Crim. Ct. Compl. Thadani Decl., Ex. H. Plaintiff invoked his 5th Amendment right against self-incrimination at his deposition when asked about whether he ever threatened physical injury, threatened to kill, pushed, punched, hit, or fought with Mr. Terab, and when asked about whether he ever threatened any violence towards Mr. Terab so that he would testify he saw Mr. Spruell



pass the gun, instead of him. *See, e.g.*, K. Creighton Dep. (May 27, 2016), Thadani Decl., Ex. G, at 10:8-11:18, 38:19-39:1.

86. Viewing the surveillance video during his deposition in this case, Terab identified Spruell as the one who passed the gun. Exh. O, p.43 LL.11-16.

**RESPONSE:** Admit, and note that this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein.

87. On January 2, 2007 a computer search was run on Spruell. Exh. BB, Booking Arraignment Disposition Inquiry System NYC004761 - NYC004763 (Spruell Records).

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

88. On January 2, 2007 when the computer search was run, Spruell was the only person who had been identified as having passed the gun to Dior. Exh. K, p.395 L.8 - p.396 L.15.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. An eyewitness testified that he called Det. Elliott of the New York City Police Department minutes after the shooting and informed him that he saw plaintiff pass the gun in the store. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. U at 21:25-22:9, 56:15-57:2. Det. Roberts had also identified plaintiff from the surveillance footage. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. OO (Roberts Dep.). at 59:15-60:7.

89. An investigation card known as an I-card issued by the police to pick up a suspect for questioning was never issue [sic] for Spruell. Exh. K, p.397 LL.8-20.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that an I-card was not issued for Mr. Spruell in connection with the shooting at issue. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support the contention that I-cards are “issued by police to pick up a suspect for questioning.”

90. No attempt was ever made to locate or question Spruell despite Terab’s sworn statement that Spruell had passed the gun used in a homicide. Exh. K, p.398 LL.6-20.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that no attempt was made to locate or question Mr. Spruell in connection with the shooting because, prior to plaintiff's arrest, Mr. Terab recanted his initial identification of Mr. Spruell and indicated that his view was obstructed, that he assumed it was Mr. Spruell because Dior Creighton and Mr. Spruell were always together, and that he had been mistaken. Mr. Terab then identified plaintiff as the person who passed the gun to Dior Creighton based on a review of the surveillance footage. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 182:17-183:12, 185:10-16, 207:25-208:16, 210:5-9, 292:9-21.

91. Godino recognized Dior as the person who received the gun in the bodega from the surveillance video. Exh. K, p.137 LL.3-10; p.251 L.3-13.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

92. Godino could not recognize the person who passed the gun in the bodega from the surveillance video. Exh. K, p.137 LL.3-19.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

93. The person who passed the gun was wearing a white and dark colored horizontally striped shirt. Exh. K, Godino pp.251-252; Exh. CC, Surveillance DVD.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

94. The surveillance video Godino reviewed during the investigation has been edited and altered and the original is irretrievably lost. Exh. K: p.334-335; Exh. K, p.340 L.24 – p.341 L.4

**RESPONSE:** Deny. Upon information and belief, the original videotape containing the surveillance footage is currently located at the Office of the Corporation Counsel, and it has not been edited or altered, and a copy of that videotape, produced by the District Attorney's Office during the pendency of the criminal case, is in the possession of plaintiff's attorneys. *See*

Photographs of Videotapes, Thadani Decl., Ex. B; Plaintiff Ex. O (Terab Dep.) at 16:25-17:11; *see also* Dec. 13, 2007 Criminal Court Transcript, Thadani Decl., Ex. C, at 2:11-16. In addition, plaintiff's own expert witness, John Afrides, has stated, by declaration under the penalty of perjury, that the perceived editing and alteration "originated at the original DVR recordings." Plaintiff Ex. E (Afrides Decl.) at ¶ 15. In any event, this is not a material fact.

95. The original surveillance video was never vouchered with the property clerk which was the customary practice for chain of custody purposes. Exh. K, p.336 LL.9-20; p.336-337.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that the video was not vouchered but deny that it was the customary practice to do so for chain of custody purposes. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support that assertion. In any event, Det. Godino is not able to testify as to the customary practices with respect to chain of custody. In addition, this is not a material fact.

96. Terab identified Spruell and Dior from photo arrays as the ones who passed and received the gun in the bodega respectively. Exh. K, Godino p.434-435.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that Mr. Terab, after telling Det. Godino their names for the purpose of putting together the photo arrays, identified Mr. Spruell and Dior Creighton from photo arrays. Defendants note that this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein.

97. Terab gave Godino Spruell and Dior's names so he could pull their mugshots for a photo array. Exh. K, p.434-435.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

98. On December 31, 2006, based on the information Godino obtained from Terab, Godino had probable cause to charge Spruell with having passed the gun. Exh. K, p.153 LL.18-25.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. This is an improper opinion, argument and legal conclusion, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. Defendants note that this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein.

99. Godino believed that Terab's identification of Dior Creighton as the one who received the gun in the bodega put Terab at risk. Exh. K, p.391 LL.9-17.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. It is unclear what is meant by "at risk." In any event, this testimony is speculative and is not a material fact, and should therefore be stricken. This is also not material.

100. After Terab identified Spruell on December 31, 2007 as the person one who passed the gun, Godino claims that a confidential informant (CI) stated to him that Ken Creighton had passed the gun [sic] Exh. K, p.155; p.370 LL.4-9.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that Det. Godino met with an eyewitness who informed him that he saw plaintiff pass a gun to Dior Creighton on December 26, 2006 and object to the description of the eyewitness as "a confidential informant" or "CI."

101. Defendants' Response to Plaintiff's First Set of Interrogatories, Interrogatory #9, which sought the identity of all persons in the bodega at the time the gun was passed, stated that "plaintiff Kenneth Creighton, Dior Creighton, and Fawaz Terab were present in the bodega at or about the time that K. Creighton is alleged to have passed a firearm to D. Creighton". Exh. PP.

**RESPONSE:** Admit but state that additional persons, including the eyewitness who informed police that he observed plaintiff pass a firearm to Dior Creighton, were also in the

bodega. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. U at 172:2-12, 173:16-20. In addition, the surveillance footage demonstrates that there were additional persons in the bodega at the time plaintiff passed the firearm to Dior Creighton. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. CC.

102. A couple of weeks after the shooting, the CI heard that Kijafa (Spruell) had said he was the one who passed the gun in the store. Exh. U, p.205 l.24 - p.206 l.6

**RESPONSE:** Admit but object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.” However, this is not a material fact.

103. Godino learned of the existence of the CI through a phone call from the CI’s handler, Detective Elliott. Exh. K, p.482 LL.16 - L.25.

**RESPONSE:** It is unclear what is meant by the phrase “learned of the existence.” However, defendants admit that Det. Godino was informed by Det. Elliott that an eyewitness had information pertaining to the shooting that took place on December 26, 2006. Defendants object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.” Defendants also note that, prior to December 26, 2006, Det. Godino had prior interactions with the eyewitness. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. K. (Godino Dep.) at 116:5-7, 116:23-118:2.

104. Godino does not know how long after he received the phone call from the CI’s handler he met with CI. Exh. K: Godino p.482 LL.6 -25.

**RESPONSE:** Admit but object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

105. Godino met with the CI for the first time at some unknown date at the precinct. Exh. K, p.262-263.

**RESPONSE:** Admit but object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI” and note that this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein.

106. Godino met with the CI at the precinct in the presence of his handler. Exh. K, p. 479-482.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. In any event, this is not a material fact. Defendants also object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

107. Godino first met with the (CI) after he had interviewed Terab. Exh. K, p.146 LL.1-11.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that Det. Godino met with an eyewitness after he interviewed Mr. Terab on December 31, 2006 but deny that this eyewitness was a “confidential informant.” This eyewitness was not acting in the capacity of a confidential informant as it relates to what he witnessed on December 26, 2006, although he happened to be an active confidential informant at the time. *See, e.g.,* Plaintiff Ex. M (Birns Dep.) at 38:23-39:16, 39:20-40:10, 121:9-15, 224:8017; Plaintiff Ex. U at 203:23-204:7.

108. Godino met with the CI and ADA Birns after Godino’s first meeting with the CI at the precinct. Exh. K, p.262-263.

**RESPONSE:** Admit but object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

109. Godino never learned the CIs [sic] name. Exh. K, p.202 LL.2-6.

**RESPONSE:** Admit, but object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

110. Godino never attempted to learn the CI’s name. Exh. K, p.483-486.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that Det. Godino did not learn the eyewitness’s real name, and object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

111. Godino never investigated the CIs [sic] criminal history of arrests or convictions. Exh. K, p.483-486.

**RESPONSE:** Admit but object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”


112. Godino never investigated or inquired about the CIs [sic] previous reliability. Exh. K, p.483-486.

**RESPONSE:** Deny and object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.” The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. In addition, Det. Godino testified that Det. Elliott informed him that the eyewitness has been his confidential informant for some time. *See, e.g.,* Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 488:22-489:4. Det. Godino had also previously received reliable and credible information from the eyewitness in connection with another shooting case which resulted in an arrest and a guilty plea. *Id.* at 116:23-118:2.

113. Godino never investigated whether the CI was being paid on this case. Exh. K, p.483- 486.

**RESPONSE:** Admit but object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

114. Godino never investigated what connection existed between the CI and Ken Creighton. Exh. K, p.483-486.

**RESPONSE:** It is unclear what is meant by “connection” but deny and object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.” The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. Rather, the cited evidence establishes that the eyewitness informed Det. Godino that “.” *See* Plaintiff. Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 485:10-16; *see also id.* at 488:4-8.

115. Godino never attempted to determine if there was any animosity or ill feelings between [sic] CI [sic] either of [sic] Creighton brothers. Exh. K. p.488 L.4-L.21.

**RESPONSE:** Deny and object to the description of the eyewitness as “CI.” The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. Rather, the cited evidence supports

that Det. Godino testified that there was nothing to indicate that the eyewitness had any animosity or ill feelings towards plaintiff or Dior Creighton.

116. The only information Godino had about the CI came from the handler who informed him that the CI was an informant in narcotics cases. Exh. K, p.488-489.

**RESPONSE:** Deny and object to the description of the eyewitness as “CI.” The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. In addition, Det. Godino received information about the eyewitness from the eyewitness directly. Det. Godino also had prior interactions with the eyewitness, from whom he previously received reliable and credible information in connection with another shooting case which resulted in an arrest and a guilty plea. *See* Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 116:5-7, 116:23-118:2.

117. None of the official police records prepared in connection with the investigation of the shooting state that anyone other than Spruell was identified as having passed the gun to Dior in the bodega. Exh. K, p.431 L7-15.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. It is unclear what is meant by “official police records.” In any event, the evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. In addition, there *were* police records prepared in connection with the investigation of the shooting that state that plaintiff was identified as having passed the gun to Dior Creighton in the bodega. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. J (Spiral Notebook) at NYC003525-NYC003528; Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 178:20-179:7.

118. The only reference to a CI having been involved in the identification of Creighton as the person who passed the gun appears in an undated entry in a spiral notebook belonging to Godino. Exhibit K, p.431 LL.7-15; Exh J.



**RESPONSE:** Deny. *See, e.g.,* Homicide Arrest Memo, Thadani Decl., Ex. D; Transfer Memorandum, Thadani Decl., Ex. E.

119. Godino has no recollection of when the interview of CI referred to in the notes in his spiral notebook was conducted. Exh. K, p.229 L.23 - p. 230 L. 7.

**RESPONSE:** Admit, object to the description of the eyewitness as “CI” and note that this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein.

120. Godino’s spiral notebook entry concerning the existence of a CI is undated. Exh. K, p.229-230.

**RESPONSE:** Admit, object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI” and note that this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein.

121. Godino does not know the date he made the entry concerning the CI in his spiral notebook. Exh. K, p.229-230.

**RESPONSE:** Admit, assuming that this assertion relates to information Det. Godino obtained from the eyewitness, object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI” and note that this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein.

122. Godino generally dates entries into his spiral notebook but did not date the entry concerning the CI. Exh. K, p. 51 L.24-p.51 L.23; 241 LL.12-15.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that Det. Godino did not date the entry in his spiral notebook memorializing the information he obtained from the eyewitness. Defendants object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI” and note that this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein.

123. Godino did not create a DD 5 [sic] memorializing the interview with the CI without identifying him by name. Exh. K, p.231 L.2 - L.17; p.244 L.4 - L.13.

**RESPONSE:** Admit but object to the description of the eyewitness as “CI.” However, this is a not a material statement of fact.

124. Godino saw a photo that has been lost where the CI made an identification of somebody. Exh. K, p.232 L.23 - p.233 L.18; p.232 L.6 - L.22

**RESPONSE:** Deny. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. Rather, the cited evidence supports only that Det. Godino “think[s he] may have shown [the eyewitness] a photo and it may be part of what’s missing out of the folder.” Defendants object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

125. The records in the case folder were inconsistent with the CIs [sic] information about who passed the gun. Exh. K, p.235 l.24 - p.236 l.6

**RESPONSE:** This is an argument, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. In any event, the evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. Rather, the cited evidence supports only that Det. Godino testified that Mr. Terab’s initial identification was inconsistent with the information obtained from the eyewitness that plaintiff passed the gun to Dior Creighton. Defendants object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

126. The CI identified someone named Quan as a witness. Exh. K, p.239 L.9 - L.16; Exh. J.

**RESPONSE:** Admit only that the eyewitness referenced someone by the name of “Quan” when recounting what happened on December 26, 2006, and object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.” In any event, this is not a material fact.

127. Godino does not remember if anything was done to find Quan beyond finding out his real name. Exh. K, p.239 L.9 - L.16.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

128. It would have been good practice to find an [sic] interview Quan but it was not done. Exh. K, p.240 l.2 - L.14.

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion and argument, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken.

129. Prior to taking the CI's statement Godino had reviewed the surveillance video. Exh. K, p.248 l.20-1.25.

**RESPONSE:** Admit, object to the description of the eyewitness as "CI" and note that this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein.

130. DD 5 [sic], also known as Complaint Follow-Up Report, were customarily chronologically numbered. Exh. K, p.38 ll.3-17.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. Det. Godino is not able to testify to what was customarily done. In addition, A.D.A. Talty testified that, in his experience, DD5s are rarely numbered. *See* Plaintiff Ex. N (Talty Dep.) at 75:16-24, 188:3-11. In any event, this is not material.

131. The DD 5s [sic] in this case were not numbered and should have been. Exh. K, p.99 l.19 – p.100 l.4; p.38 ll.6-7.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that the DD5s are not numbered but deny that they should have been as that is an improper opinion and argument, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. In any event, this is not material.

132. An index sheet that is customarily created that indicates the records created in the case file was not prepared in this case. Exh. K, p.38 ll.3-5

**RESPONSE:** Admit that there is no index sheet but deny that such sheets are customarily created or that an index sheet would record all the records in the "case file." The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support those assertions. In fact, Det. Godino testified that

he doesn't remember if index sheets were used / done at the time of plaintiff's arrest. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 37:18-38:5. In addition, A.D.A. Gottlieb testified that, in her experience, index sheets are not created all the time. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. R (Gottlieb Dep.) at 117:20-23. In any event, this is not material.

133. The original case file was delivered to defendant Birns by Godino and was never returned to the NYPD during the pendency of the prosecution. Exh. M, p. 110 ll.15-24; Exh. K, p.44 l.24-p.45 l.4.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that this is Det. Godino's present recollection. In any event, this is not a material fact.

134. Turning over the original case folder to the DA and not having it returned was unusual and a cause for concern. Exh. N, p.28 LL.14-29.

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion and argument, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. In addition, A.D.A. Gottlieb testified that, in her experience, the original N.Y.P.D. files are sometimes turned over to the District Attorney's Office. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. R (Gottlieb Dep.) at 126:4-14, 127:14-128:5. In any event, this is not material.

135. In June 2012 Godino learned that a lot of the DD fives [sic] were missing from the file. Exh. K, p.96 LL.2-13.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that Det. Godino believes that an unknown number of DD5s were missing during the pendency of the criminal case. In any event, this is not material.

136. An unknown amount, up to 30 documents, was missing from the case file when Godino reviewed it at the District Attorney's Office. Exh. K, p.96 LL.18-25.

**RESPONSE:** It is unclear what time period plaintiff is referring to but admit that Det. Godino believes that an unknown number of DD5s were missing during the pendency of the criminal case. In any event, this is not material.

137. Prior to Godino interviewing the CI, he had no evidence that anyone other than Spruell passed the gun in the bodega. Exh. K, p.398-399.

**RESPONSE:** Deny and object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.” Det. Roberts had identified plaintiff from the surveillance footage as the one who passed the gun in the bodega. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. OO (Roberts Dep.). at 59:4-60:7.

138. Other than the CI, no person was ever located who claims to have witnessed Dior firing a gun on December 26, 2006. Exh. K, p.398 LL.16-20; Exh. M: Birns Deposition Transcript pp. 5-23; p.131 LL.2-21.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that only one eyewitness came forward that was willing to testify that he/she saw Dior Creighton do the actual shooting, and object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

139. Until Godino interviewed the CI, the only information Godino had linking Dior Creighton to the shooting in any respect was Terab’s statement that the gun had been passed to Dior in the bodega. Exh. K, p.398 l.21 - p.399 l.7.

**RESPONSE:** Deny and object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.” Det. Godino was able to identify Dior Creighton from the surveillance footage. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 145:24-146:6.

140. The CI is not visible in the surveillance video. Exh. K, p.254-255; Exh. CC.

**RESPONSE:** Admit, but object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.” Defendants further note that, while the eyewitness does not appear to be visible in the

surveillance footage, he has identified, on the surveillance video, both during the criminal investigation and during discovery in this case, where he was standing when he saw plaintiff passed a gun to Dior Creighton. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 255:3-18, 264:18-265:9; Plaintiff Ex. U at 193:25-194:7. Det. Godino was also able to determine that the eyewitness was in a position to see plaintiff pass the gun to Dior Creighton. *See, e.g., id.* at 269:5-24. A.D.A. Birns also testified that he confirmed that the eyewitness was inside the bodega when he saw plaintiff pass a gun to Dior Creighton. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. M (Birns Dep.) at 210:12-23.

141. There is no documentation anywhere in the NYPD file that warranted arresting and charging Kenneth Creighton with criminal facilitation other than the undated spiral notebook entry. Exh. K, p.448 LL.16-22

**RESPONSE:** Deny. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. In addition, Det. Godino's notes memorialize that an eyewitness informed him that, just prior to the shooting, he saw plaintiff Kenneth Creighton hand a firearm to plaintiff's brother, Dior Creighton, inside of a bodega, and that, shortly thereafter, he saw Dior Creighton use that firearm in a shooting outside of the bodega. *See* Plaintiff Ex. J (Spiral Notebook) at NYC003525-NYC003528. In any event, defendants note that this is not a material fact and this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein.

142. In homicide-related cases, detectives assigned to the 42nd Precinct Detective Squad in the Bronx conferred regularly with Assistant District Attorneys with regard to when authorizations to arrest would be forthcoming. Exh. K, p.348-349.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. It is unclear what is meant by "regularly." In any event, the evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. In addition, Det. Godino is not able to

testify as to what other detectives do as such testimony would be lacking in personal knowledge and necessarily speculative.

143. Godino conferred only with Birns with regard to this case before plaintiff's arrest. Exh. K, p.351 LL.11-19.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. Rather, the cited evidence supports only that, as respects his conferring with Assistant District Attorneys specifically, Det. Godino does not presently recall conferring with anyone else. In any event, this is not material.

144. On January 2, 2007, and thereafter canvases [sic] were conducted to apprehend Dior Creighton. Exh. CC: DD 5 P00185, p.1.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

145. On January 4, 32007, defendant, Godino, and PO Brown canvassed the area of 818 Home St and East 168 St for Dior but were met with negative results. Exh. DD: DD5 P00186, p.1.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

146. Starting on January 5, 2007 and on subsequent days a search for Dior Creighton by detectives pursuant to an I-card met with negative results. Exh. EE: LaDuca Deposition Transcript, p.22 L.21- p.23 L.16; p.32 L.20- L.24; pp.37-38.

**RESPONSE:** Admit but note that the evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion.

147. Other than the CI, no one else claimed to have witnessed Dior discharge a firearm on December 26, 2006.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that only one eyewitness came forward that was willing to testify that he/she saw Dior Creighton do the actual shooting, and object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

148. Other than the CI, no one else claimed to have witnessed K. Creighton pass the gun to his brother on December 26, 2006.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that only one eyewitness came forward that was willing to testify that he/she saw plaintiff hand the firearm to Dior Creighton, and object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.” Defendants note, however, that Det. Roberts identified plaintiff from the surveillance footage, *see, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. OO (Roberts Dep.) at 59:15-60:7, and Mr. Terab identified plaintiff as the person who passed the gun to Dior Creighton based on a review of the surveillance footage. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 182:17-183:12, 185:10-16, 207:25-208:16, 210:5-9, 292:9-21.

149. Godino did not create a DD 5 [sic] memorializing the interview with the CI without identifying him by name. Exh. K, p.231 L.2 - L.17; p.244 L.4 - L.13.

**RESPONSE:** Admit, object to the description of the eyewitness as “CI” and note that this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein. However, this is not a material statement of fact.

150. Godino never knew the CIs [sic] name during the pendency of the criminal case. Exh. K, p.231 L.2 - L.17.

**RESPONSE:** Admit, object to the description of the eyewitness as “CI” and note that this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein.

151. Godino saw a photo that has been lost where the CI made an identification of somebody. Exh. K, p.232 L.23 - p.233 L.18; p.232 L.6 - L.22



**RESPONSE:** Deny. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. Rather, the cited evidence supports only that Det. Godino “think[s he] may have shown [the eyewitness] a photo and it may be part of what’s missing out of the folder.” Defendants object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

152. The records in the case folder were inconsistent with the CIs [sic] information about who passed the gun. Exh. K, p.235 l.24 - p.236 l.6

**RESPONSE:** This is an argument, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. In any event, the evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. Rather, the cited evidence supports only that Det. Godino testified that Mr. Terab’s initial identification was inconsistent with the information obtained from the eyewitness that plaintiff passed the gun to Dior Creighton. Defendants object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

153. The CI identified someone named Quan as a witness. Exh. K, p.239 L.9 - L.16; Exh. J.

**RESPONSE:** Admit only that the eyewitness referenced someone by the name of “Quan” when recounting what happened on December 26, 2006, object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI,” and note that this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein. In any event, this is not a material fact.

154. Godino does not remember if anything was done to find Quan beyond finding out his real name. Exh. K, p.239 L.9 - L.16.

**RESPONSE:** Admit and note that this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein.

155. It would have been good practice to find an [sic] interview Quan but it was not done. Exh. K, p.240 l.2 - L.14.

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion and argument, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken.

156. Prior to taking the CI's statement Godino had reviewed the surveillance video. Exh. K, p.248 l.20-1.25.

**RESPONSE:** Admit, object to the description of the eyewitness as "CI" and note that this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein.

157. On January 8, 2007, a criminal history computer check was run on Kenneth Creighton and a handwritten note was added with the name and phone number of Kenneth's probation officer. Exh. FF: CRIMS Appearance History- Creighton, Kenneth NYC005509.

**RESPONSE:** Admit but note that the cited evidence does not establish the date that the handwritten note was added.

158. A meeting attended by Godino, Birns and the CI took place before the authorization to make the arrest. Exh. K, p.262-263.

**RESPONSE:** Admit but object to the description of the eyewitness as "the CI."

159. In the Bronx all homicide arrests were to be authorized by the Chief of Homicide if he was available. Exh. M, p.25 l.14 - p.26 l.11.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

160. On January 8, 2007 ADA Birns and Talty authorized Godino's arrest of Kenneth Creighton. Exh. GG: DD5 or Complaint-Follow-Up Informational P00024. Exh. N: Talty Deposition Transcript, p.132 LL.17-20.

**RESPONSE:** Admit only that A.D.A. Birns informed Det. Godino that he had authorization to arrest plaintiff and that A.D.A. Birns informed Det. Godino that he received

authorization from A.D.A. Talty, which is what the cited evidence supports. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not indicate the date on which plaintiff's arrest was authorized.

161. K. Creighton was arrested on January 10, 2007, after his arrest had been authorized by Edward Talty, Chief of Homicide. Exh. N, p.132 l.17 – p.133 l.20

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

162. Talty's practice was to determine if there was probable cause at the time he authorized an arrest. Exh. N, p.134 l.23 -135 l.7

**RESPONSE:** Admit only that A.D.A. Talty testified that he "would ask to see if there was probable cause, if there was a witness who saw this handoff, if there was any other evidence in this – of a hand off, as there appears to be in this case," which is what the cited evidence supports.

163. Before authorizing a homicide arrest involving a CI, Talty required talking directly to the CI rather than relying on what the detective tells him. Exh. N, p.136 ll.4 – 19.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. Rather, the cited evidence supports only that, at his deposition, after being presented with an inaccurate and incomplete hypothetical set of facts, A.D.A. Talty testified, subject to objection, that "if a detective told me the only evidence that exists is a confidential informant, I would probably want to have them bring the confidential informant in to have an ADA speak to that confidential informant about the fact that confidentiality was no -- would be an issue." Therefore, the cited evidence does not support that A.D.A. Talty would require that he speak directly with the confidential informant, merely that some A.D.A. speak with him / her, and then only to assess whether the witness's confidential status would pose an issue going forward. In addition, defendants note that A.D.A. Birns did speak with the eyewitness before A.D.A. Talty

authorized plaintiff's arrest, testified that the eyewitness's information was corroborated by the surveillance footage, and that he found the eyewitness to be reliable. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. M (Birns Dep.) at 111:16-23, 119:16-121:8, 163:7-164:10, 210:12-23, 224:24-225:3, 227:7-228:13. Thus, this is not material. In any event, what A.D.A. Talty would do under a hypothetical set of circumstances is speculation and not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken.

164. Talty never spoke to the CI. Exh. N, p.42 L.2- L17.

**RESPONSE:** Deny and object to the description of the eyewitness as "the CI." The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. However, defendants admit that A.D.A. Talty does not have any present recollection of speaking with the eyewitness.

165. Talty considered it important information to have been informed about Terab's identification of Spruell when he was asked to authorize the arrest. Exh. N, p.142 LL.11- 19.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. Defendants also note that Mr. Talty's testimony in this regard was based upon an inaccurate and incomplete hypothetical set of facts, which he was asked to assume as true. In fact, A.D.A. Talty's response was "Assuming I was asked on January 10 and assuming this set of facts existed, as you said it did, sure, it would have been important." Defendants further note that A.D.A. Talty had no present recollection of even authorizing plaintiff's arrest. *See* Plaintiff Ex. N (Talty Dep.) at 133:5-20. Therefore, this is speculation and not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. In any event, this is not material.

166. Failure to inform the district attorney that someone other than the person to be arrested has been identified for the same crime constitutes a "real problem". Exh. N, p.142 L.20 – p.143 L.7

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion and argument, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken.

167. Failing to inform the grand jury that Spruell had been identified as someone who passed the gun is a *Brady* violation. Exh. N, p.143 l.8 – p.144 l.5.

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion, argument, and legal conclusion, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. As there is no *Brady* claim, this is also not material.

168. The Terab exculpatory evidence should have been turned over to the ADA before he was asked to authorize the arrest. Exh. N, p.147 LL.7 – 25.

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion and argument, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. In any event, with respect to Mr. Terab's initial identification of Mr. Spruell, Det. Godino testified that he thinks he did inform A.D.A. Birns about Mr. Terab's identification and that he doesn't think there is any possibility that he didn't. *See, e.g., id.* at 181:15-182:3. Defendants also note that A.D.A. Talty's testimony in this regard was based upon an inaccurate and incomplete hypothetical set of facts, which he was asked to assume as true.

169. Exculpatory evidence that should be turned over to the District Attorney as soon as it becomes clear that it is disclosable. Exh. N, p.147 ll.7- 25.

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion, argument, and legal conclusion, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. Defendants also note that A.D.A. Talty's testimony in this regard was based upon an inaccurate and incomplete hypothetical set of facts, which he was asked to assume as true.

170. The exculpatory information provided by Terab should have been disclosed to the defense for the purpose of making a bail application. Exh. N, p.150 ll. 3 – 14.

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion, argument, and legal conclusion, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. It is also unclear what is meant by the “exculpatory information provided by Terab,” particularly because there was no such exculpatory evidence at the time of plaintiff’s arrest. To the extent that plaintiff is referring to Mr. Terab’s signed statement and photo array from December 31, 2006, defendants note that such documents were disclosed to plaintiff during the course of the criminal case and no bail application, or any other motion, was made by plaintiff’s criminal defense attorney. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. S (50-h Hearing) at 61:13-23; Plaintiff Ex. Q (Raskin Dep.) at 42:23-43:5, 54:16-22. Defendants also note that A.D.A. Talty’s testimony in this regard was based upon an inaccurate and incomplete hypothetical set of facts, which he was asked to assume as true.

171. Birns would have turned over exculpatory information prior to the bail hearing. Exh. M, p.124 L.10-p.125 L.5.

**RESPONSE:** This is an argument and legal conclusion, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. In any event, the evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion.

172. There is no indication that the court was advised that there was a different suspect identified at Ken Creighton’s bail hearing. Exh. N, 4-25-16 p.202 ll.16 -19.

**RESPONSE:** Admit but note that the evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this broad assertion.

173. Had Talty been advised of Terab’s identification of Spruell as the perpetrator, which directly contradicted the CI’s alleged identification of Creighton, he would not one would have [sic] approved Creighton’s arrest.

**RESPONSE:** No evidence is cited by plaintiff in support of this assertion. In any event, this is speculative, inadmissible, and not a material statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. Defendants object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

174. If Terab had been disclosed as an eyewitness who had identified someone other than Creighton as having passed the gun at the bail hearing it would’ve improved the chances to get lower bail or a release on recognizance (ROR). Exh. Q, p.35 l.19-p.36 l.10.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. This is an improper opinion, speculation and an argument, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. In addition, this is not material because plaintiff was held pursuant to a probation hold, for which plaintiff was remanded because no bail was set. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. S (50-h Hearing) at 45:24 – 46:2, 46:16-17, 47:20-48:14; Plaintiff Ex. Q (Raskin Dep.) at 73:25-74:18.

175. Talty became aware of for the first time that there was a confidential informant involved in the Creighton prosecution in 2016. Exh. N, p.42 LL.2- 20.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. Rather, the cited evidence supports that A.D.A. Talty *was* aware that a confidential informant was involved based on at least a homicide memo and information received from A.D.A. Gottlieb. In any event, this is not material.

176. Evidence that someone other than plaintiff had passed the gun was material that was be required to be turned over to defense counsel. Exh. M, p.33 LL.2-6.

**RESPONSE:** This an argument and legal conclusion, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. In addition, the evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. To the extent that plaintiff is referring to Mr. Terab’s signed statement and photo array from December 31, 2006, such documents were disclosed to plaintiff during the course of the criminal

case. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. S (50-h Hearing) at 61:13-23; Plaintiff Ex. Q (Raskin Dep.) at 42:23-43:5. Therefore, this is not material.

177. Information that would impeach the credibility of material a witness was required to be turned over to the defense. Exh. M, p.33 LL.13-21.

**RESPONSE:** This an argument and legal conclusion, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. In addition, the evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. It is also unclear as to what time frame plaintiff is referring.

178. Birns may not have been aware that the CI was a confidential informant. Exh. M, pp.38-39.

**RESPONSE:** Admit only that A.D.A. Birns does not have a present recollection as to whether the eyewitness was a registered informant, which is what the evidence cited by plaintiff supports. Defendants note, however, that A.D.A. Birns was aware that the eyewitness had a prior or current relationship with the N.Y.P.D. as an informant. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. M (Birns Dep.) at 38:23-40:10, 135:13-137:7. Defendants further note that A.D.A. Birns did not consider the eyewitness to be a “confidential informant” for the purposes of this case. *See, e.g., id.* at 121:9-15, 224:8-17. Defendants object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

179. Birns does not know if Spruell was ever a suspect in the passing of the gun to Dior Creighton. Exh. M, p.74 LL.6-9.

**RESPONSE:** Admit only that A.D.A. Birns does not have a present recollection of that, which is what the evidence cited by plaintiff supports. In any event, this is not material.

180. Birns reviewed the video surveillance before going over the CI’s testimony in preparation for the grand jury presentation. Exh. M, p.120 LL.11-15.



**RESPONSE:** It is unclear what is meant by this assertion. In any event, admit only that the cited evidence supports that A.D.A. Birns testified at his deposition that the surveillance footage, which he reviewed, corroborated the information being provided by the eyewitness. *See also, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. M (Birns Dep.) at 111:16-23, 119:16-121:8, 163:7-164:10, 210:12-23, 227:7-228:13. Defendants object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

181. Talty’s authorization for Creighton’s arrest was based on the information Godino provided which came from the CI. Exh. M, p.51 ll.16-25

**RESPONSE:** Admit that authorization for plaintiff’s arrest was based, in part, on information Det. Godino obtained from the eyewitness. Det. Godino also obtained information from Mr. Terab in which he identified plaintiff as the one who passed a firearm to Dior Creighton in his bodega. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 182:9-12, 182:17-183:12, 207:25-208:16, 210:5-9, 292:9-21. Authorization was also based upon information A.D.A. Birns obtained from the eyewitness directly. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. M (Birns Dep.) at 224:24-225:3. Defendants object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

182. Based on the conflicting identifications, more investigation was required to determine who should be arrested for the facilitation (passing the gun). Exh. M, p.63 LL.12-16

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion, argument and legal conclusion, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. In any event, further investigation was conducted as, after receiving information from an eyewitness that plaintiff passed the gun to Dior Creighton, Det. Godino had a telephone conversation with Mr. Terab and had him come back into the precinct to view the surveillance footage. Prior to plaintiff’s arrest, Mr. Terab recanted his initial identification of Mr. Spruell and indicated that his view was obstructed, that he assumed it was Mr. Spruell because Dior Creighton and Mr. Spruell were always together, and

that he had been mistaken. Mr. Terab then identified plaintiff as the person who passed the gun to Dior Creighton based on a review of the surveillance footage. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 182:17-183:12, 185:10-16, 207:25-208:16, 210:5-9, 259:7-17, 292:9-21. Therefore, the identifications were consistent, not conflicting. Defendants also note that Mr. Birns's testimony in this regard was based upon an inaccurate and incomplete hypothetical set of facts, which he was asked to assume as true.

183. Had Birns been aware of the exculpatory information provided by Terab, he would have declined to authorize Ken Creighton's arrest until the information could be further investigated. Exh. M, p.54 LL.8-16; p.60 l.18-p.61 L.8.

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion and argument, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. It is also speculative as Mr. Birns's testimony in this regard was based upon an inaccurate and incomplete hypothetical set of facts, which he was asked to assume as true. It is also unclear what is meant by "exculpatory information provided by Terab" as, prior to plaintiff's arrest, Mr. Terab recanted his initial identification of Mr. Spruell and indicated that his view was obstructed, that he assumed it was Mr. Spruell because Dior Creighton and Mr. Spruell were always together, and that he had been mistaken. Mr. Terab then identified plaintiff as the person who passed the gun to Dior Creighton based on a review of the surveillance footage. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 182:17-183:12, 185:10-16, 207:25-208:16, 210:5-9, 292:9-21. Defendants also note that A.D.A. Birns testified that he recalls being informed of someone who worked at the bodega but whose view was obstructed and, therefore, did not get a good look at what took place. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. M (Birns Dep.) at 69:21-71:3, 72:2-18. Defendants further note that A.D.A. Birns testified only that he did not have a present recollection of being informed about Mr. Terab's initial identification of Mr. Spruell, not that he

wasn't informed. *See, e.g., id.* at 60:18-24, 63:17-25, 67:21-68:6, 125:9-21. Det. Godino, however, testified that he thinks he did inform A.D.A. Birns about Mr. Terab's identification and that he doesn't think there is any possibility that he didn't. *See, e.g.,* Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 181:15-182:3.

184. Had Birns been made aware of the photo array identifications and the Terab statement he would have required more investigation to be conducted. Exh. M, p.54 l.8-p.55 L.18.

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion and argument, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. It is also speculative as Mr. Birns's testimony in this regard was based upon an inaccurate and incomplete hypothetical set of facts, which he was asked to assume as true. Defendants also note that A.D.A. Birns testified that he recalls being informed of someone who worked at the bodega but whose view was obstructed and, therefore, did not get a good look at what took place. *See, e.g.,* Plaintiff Ex. M (Birns Dep.) at 69:21-71:3, 72:2-18. Defendants further note that A.D.A. Birns testified only that he did not have a present recollection of being informed about Mr. Terab's initial identification of Mr. Spruell, not that he wasn't informed. *See, e.g., id.* at 60:18-24, 63:17-25, 67:21-68:6, 125:9-21. Det. Godino, however, testified that he thinks he did inform A.D.A. Birns about Mr. Terab's identification and that he doesn't think there is any possibility that he didn't. *See, e.g.,* Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 181:15-182:3.

185. Birns would not have authorized the arrest without approval from Talty. Exh. M, p.49 LL.9-15

**RESPONSE:** Assuming “the arrest” being referred to is the arrest of plaintiff, this is speculative because A.D.A. Talty approved the arrest. This is also not a material statement of fact.

186. No arrest of Ken Creighton should have been made without investigating the circumstances of Terab’s signed statement implicating Spruell. Exh. M, p.54 l.17- p.55 l.3

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion, argument and legal conclusion, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. It is also speculative as Mr. Birns’s testimony in this regard was based upon an inaccurate and incomplete hypothetical set of facts, which he was asked to assume as true. Defendants also note that further investigation regarding Mr. Terab and Mr. Spruell was conducted prior to plaintiff’s arrest, which resulted in Mr. Terab recanting his initial identification of Mr. Spruell and indicating that his view was obstructed, stating that he assumed it was Mr. Spruell because Dior Creighton and Mr. Spruell were always together, and stating that he had been mistaken. Mr. Terab then identified plaintiff as the person who passed the gun to Dior Creighton based on a review of the surveillance footage. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 182:17-183:12, 185:10-16, 207:25-208:16, 210:5-9, 292:9-21.

187. Edward Talty is the Chief of Homicide in the Bronx District Attorney’s Office and supervised the ADA’s handling all homicide cases. Exh. N, p.18 LL.3-9.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. Rather, the cited evidence supports only that A.D.A. Talty testified that he indirectly supervised ADAs handling homicide cases in that he was to be consulted when necessary.

188. If the [sic] Terab had been disclosed as an eyewitness who had identified someone other than Creighton as having passed the gun at the bail hearing it would’ve improved the chances to get lower bail or a release on recognizance (ROR). Exh. Q, p.35 l.19-p.36

**RESPONSE:** Deny. This is an improper opinion, speculation and an argument, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. In addition, this is not material because plaintiff was held pursuant to a probation hold, for which plaintiff was remanded because no bail was set. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. S (50-h Hearing) at 45:24 – 46:2, 46:16-17, 47:20-48:14; Plaintiff Ex. Q (Raskin Dep.) at 73:25-74:18.

189. On January 8, 2007 Godino called Kenneth Creighton's probation officer and instructed him to arrest Creighton during his probation appointment on January 10. Exh. GG.

**RESPONSE:** Admit only that, on January 8, 2007, Det. Godino called plaintiff's probation officer and instructed him that, if plaintiff shows up to his January 10, 2007 appointment, he should handcuff plaintiff and call him. Defendants note that this is not a material fact.

190. A DD5 dated January 10, 2007 states "detectives will arrest Kenneth on I card # 12007000405 for criminal facilitation. In turn Kenneth may inform this department where defendant Dior Creighton is hiding out." Exh. HH: DD5 P00025.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that the above quotation, in sum and substance, is contained within a document that has been produced by plaintiff bearing bates stamp P00025 (it is not a direct quotation) but note that the cited exhibit does not support this assertion.

191. Dean Roberts (Roberts) K. Creighton's was the arresting officer [sic]. Exh. V.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

192. Roberts signed the Criminal Complaint against Creighton. Exh. V.

**RESPONSE:** Admit but this is not a material fact.

193. Roberts (Roberts) believed the store owner (Terab) had identified plaintiff as the one who passed the gun. Exh. V, p.51 ll.4-12.

**RESPONSE:** Admit and note that plaintiff appears to have mistakenly referred to his Exhibit V, instead of his Exhibit OO. Defendants further note that Mr. Terab did identify plaintiff as the one who passed the gun. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 182:17-183:12, 185:10-16, 207:25-208:16, 210:5-9, 292:9-21. Det. Roberts also testified that he knew a “confidential informant” was also an eyewitness, and that Det. Godino has informed him of that. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. OO (Roberts Dep.) at 46:16-47-5.

194. Roberts learned for the first time at his deposition that Terab had identified someone other than plaintiff as the one who passed the gun. Exh. V. p.51 ll.13-18.

**RESPONSE:** Admit and note that plaintiff appears to have mistakenly referred to his Exhibit V, instead of his Exhibit OO. In any event, this is not a material fact.

195. Roberts never knew that there was a person other than Ken Creighton who had been identified as the one who passed the gun to Dior Creighton. Exh. V. p.53 ll.5-17

**RESPONSE:** Admit only that Det. Roberts has no present recollection of having that knowledge, which is all the evidence cited by plaintiff supports, and note that plaintiff appears to have mistakenly referred to his Exhibit V, instead of his Exhibit OO. In any event, this is not a material fact.

196. Godino does not know if he ever conferred with Roberts about the investigation. Exh. K, p.408 l.6 - l.12

**RESPONSE:** Admit that Det. Godino does not presently recall one way or the other but note that Det. Roberts recalls receiving information pertaining to the investigation from Det. Godino. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. OO (Roberts Dep.) at 47:3-5, 131:6-12. In any event, this is not a material fact.

197. Godino does not know how often or what he discussed with Roberts about the case. Exh. K, p.410 l.10 - l.17

**RESPONSE:** Admit that Det. Godino does not presently recall one way or the other but note that Det. Roberts recalls receiving information pertaining to the investigation from Det. Godino. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. OO (Roberts Dep.) at 47:3-5, 131:6-12. Defendants also note that this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein and that this is not a material fact.

198. Michael Raskin (“Raskin), plaintiff’s criminal attorney, was never told who was the eye witness was who [sic] testified before the grand jury. Exh. Q, p.12 l.12-18.

**RESPONSE:** Admit. However, this is not a material fact.

199. Raskin, plaintiff’s criminal attorney, was never told who the eye witness was who testified before the grand jury. Exh. Q, p.12 l.12-18.

**RESPONSE:** Admit and note that this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein. However, this is not a material fact.

200. Raskin was aware that there was a surveillance video of the passing of the gun incident. Exh. Q, p.12 l.18-25

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

201. Raskin never knew during the pendency of the criminal case that the eye witness was a confidential informant. Exh. Q, p.18 l.24 -p.19 l.2

**RESPONSE:** Admit that Mr. Raskin testified that he did not know that the eyewitness had also been a confidential informant. Defendants object to describing the eyewitness as a “confidential informant,” particularly because he was not acting in the capacity of a confidential informant as it relates to what he witnessed on December 26, 2006, although he happened to be

an active confidential informant at the time. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. M (Birns Dep.) at 38:23-39:16, 39:20-40:10, 121:9-15, 224:8017; Plaintiff Ex. U at 203:23-204:7. In any event, this is not material.

202. Raskin was never made aware that the investigation disclosed there were two shooters involved. Exh. Q, p.118 l.11- p.119 l.2

**RESPONSE:** Deny. Documents were produced to Mr. Raskin during the pendency of the criminal case which indicated the belief that there may have been multiple shooters involved. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. Q (Raskin Dep.) at 27:17-30:6, 31:10-20. In any event, this is not a material fact.

203. The grand jury minutes of the CI's testimony had to be disclosed to the defense before any hearing or trial that the CI would be called to testify at. Exh. Q, p. 122.

**RESPONSE:** This is a legal conclusion, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. In any event, this is not material because, following the grand jury proceedings, there was no hearing or trial at which the eyewitness testified in connection with the criminal case. Defendants also object to the description of the eyewitness as "the CI."

204. Terab did not testify before the grand jury. Exh. JJ.

**RESPONSE:** Admit and note that Det. Godino testified that "I think the reason why we didn't use the bodega owner in the grand jury was because he had the two – first he thought it was Kijafa and then he said it was Kenny." Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.), at 182:9-12.

205. Godino did not testify at the grand jury presentation regarding Ken Creighton. Exh. K, p.351 ll.11 – 19.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.



206. New York City Police Department had contradictory evidence about whether it was Ken Creighton or Spruell who passed the gun. Exh. N, p.140 L.13- p.141 L.5.

**RESPONSE:** Deny because it is unclear as to what time period plaintiff is referring. Prior to plaintiff's arrest, Mr. Terab recanted his initial identification of Mr. Spruell and indicated that his view was obstructed, that he assumed it was Mr. Spruell because Dior Creighton and Mr. Spruell were always together, and that he had been mistaken. Mr. Terab then identified plaintiff as the person who passed the gun to Dior Creighton based on a review of the surveillance footage. *See, e.g.,* Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 182:17-183:12, 185:10-16, 207:25-208:16, 210:5-9, 292:9-21. Therefore, there was no longer any contradictory evidence with respect to who passed the gun to Dior Creighton. All eyewitnesses who came forward informed the police that plaintiff passed the gun to Dior Creighton.

207. Without resolving the conflict about who passed the gun, there was no probable cause to prosecute Kenneth Creighton. Exh. N, p.141 LL.6-21.

**RESPONSE:** This is a legal conclusion, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. In any event, the evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. Rather, A.D.A. Talty, whose testimony plaintiff cites, testified that, even assuming there was conflicting evidence about who passed the gun, there was authority and probable cause, in his view, to arrest both plaintiff **and** Mr. Spruell. *See, e.g.,* Plaintiff Ex. N (Talty Dep.) at 167:24-168:15. In addition, A.D.A. Talty testified that there was probable cause to arrest plaintiff based upon the information in Det. Godino's spiral notebook, which was obtained from an eyewitness. *See, e.g., id.* at 139:14-140:12.

208. Based on the information provided by Terab, Talty would likely have authorized the arrest of Spruell. Exh. N, p.141 L.22- p.142 L.3

**RESPONSE:** The evidence cited by plaintiff is speculative, inadmissible, and not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. In any event, this is not material. Defendants also note that Mr. Talty's testimony in this regard was based upon an inaccurate and incomplete hypothetical set of facts, which he was asked to assume as true.

209. It is good police practice to determine whether an accused had an alibi. Exh. K, p.288 l.12 - p.289 l.3; p.289 l.10 - l.22

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion and argument, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. In any event, this is not material.

210. Godino did not know whether an attempt was made to find out if Kenneth Creighton had an alibi. Exh. K, p.289-291.

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion and argument, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. In any event, this is not material.

211. Where, as here, there was a conflict with regard to identification as who passed the gun, it was good police practice to determine whether an accused had an alibi. Exh. K, p.290 l.23 - p.291 L.14.

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion and argument, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. Defendants also note that there were no conflicting identifications as, prior to plaintiff's arrest, Mr. Terab recanted his initial identification of Mr. Spruell and indicated that his view was obstructed, that he assumed it was Mr. Spruell because Dior Creighton and Mr. Spruell were always together, and that he had been mistaken. Mr. Terab then identified plaintiff as the person who passed the gun to Dior Creighton based on a review of the surveillance footage. *See, e.g.,* Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 182:17-183:12, 185:10-16,

207:25-208:16, 210:5-9, 292:9-21. Therefore, the identifications were consistent, not conflicting.

212. Godino knew that where a witness was a paid confidential informant it had to be disclosed to the defense. Exh. K, p.293 L.18 - L.23.

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion, argument and legal conclusion, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. In any event, this is not material.

213. The CI informed his handler that he would not come into court to testify. Exh. U, p.149 LL.8-12; p.150 LL.15; p. 204 L.8-12CI.

**RESPONSE:** Deny. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. Rather, the cited evidence supports only that the eyewitness presently “believes” that he informed his handler that he would not testify against Dior Creighton at trial. The eyewitness testified that he “can’t remember saying” that he would not testify against plaintiff at trial. *See, e.g.,* Plaintiff Ex. U at 149:9-14. Defendants object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

214. The CI claims he went to the precinct the day after the shooting. Exh. U, p.198 l.16 - p.199 L.5.

**RESPONSE:** Admit only that the eyewitness’s present recollection is that he went to a police precinct the day after the shooting to inform the police about that he saw, *inter alia*, plaintiff pass a gun to Dior Creighton. Defendants object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

215. There were no identified witnesses that saw Dior fire the weapon other than the CI. Exh. K, p.275 ll.5 - 12

**RESPONSE:** Admit that only one eyewitness came forward that was willing to testify that he/she saw Dior Creighton fire the weapon, object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI,” and note that this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein.

216. Based Godino’s spiral notebook notes, there were other potential witnesses identified but they were not interviewed. Exh. K, p.275 l.5 - l.19; p.276 l.18 - p.277 l.7.

**RESPONSE:** Admit only that not every single person named or identified in Det. Godino’s spiral notebook was located / interviewed during the investigation.

217. Based on the surveillance video there were other people shown who could have given information about the passing of the gun. Exh. K, p.284 l.18 - p.285 l.3

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion, speculation and argument, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken.

218. No attempts were made to identify people shown in the video who could have identified who was passing the gun. Exh. K, p.285 L.16 - l.25

**RESPONSE:** Deny. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. Rather, the cited evidence supports only that Det. Godino testified that they did not try to find one particular person shown in the video.

219. Good police practice required resolving the clear conflict in identification so the right person would be charged in passing the gun. Exh. K, p.286 l.21 - p.287 l.10

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion and argument, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. Defendants also note that there was no “clear conflict in identification” as, prior to plaintiff’s arrest, Mr. Terab recanted his initial identification of Mr. Spruell and indicated that his view was obstructed, that he assumed it was Mr. Spruell because Dior Creighton and Mr. Spruell were always together, and that he had been mistaken. Mr. Terab

then identified plaintiff as the person who passed the gun to Dior Creighton based on a review of the surveillance footage. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 182:17-183:12, 185:10-16, 207:25-208:16, 210:5-9, 292:9-21. Therefore, the identifications were consistent, not conflicting.

220. The CI's grand jury testimony was contradictory to the documentary evidence from Terab about who passed the gun to Dior Creighton. Exh. JJ; Exh. G.

**RESPONSE:** Admit but object to the description of the eyewitness as "the CI."

221. Birns was not aware that the witness testified before the grand jury was a CI. Exh. M, p.38 l.15-L.19

**RESPONSE:** Admit only that A.D.A. Birns does not have a present recollection as to whether the eyewitness was a registered informant. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. M. (Birns Dep.) at 38:23-40:10. Defendants note, however, that A.D.A. Birns was aware that the eyewitness had a prior or current relationship with the N.Y.P.D. as an informant. *See, e.g., id.* at 38:23-40:10, 135:13-137:7. Defendants further note that A.D.A. Birns did not consider the eyewitness to be a "confidential informant" for the purposes of this case. *See, e.g., id.* at 121:9-15, 224:8-17. Defendants object to the description of the eyewitness as "the CI" and note that this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein.

222. Birns was not aware of the Terab exculpatory evidence when he presented the case to the grand jury. Exh. M, p.60 l.8-l.17

**RESPONSE:** Deny. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. A.D.A. Birns testified only that he did not have a present recollection of being aware of Mr. Terab's initial identification of Mr. Spruell, not that he wasn't aware. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. M (Birns Dep.) at 60:18-24, 63:17-25, 67:21-68:6, 125:9-21. Det. Godino, however, testified that

he thinks he did inform A.D.A. Birns about Mr. Terab's identification and that he doesn't think there is any possibility that he didn't. *See, e.g.,* Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 181:15-182:3. Det. Godino also testified that he provided A.D.A. Birns with the documents (i.e., written statement and signed photo array) supporting Mr. Terab's initial identification of Mr. Spruell. *See, e.g., id.* at 202:7-12. Defendants note that, at the time of the grand jury proceedings, there was no "Terab exculpatory evidence" as, prior to plaintiff's arrest, Mr. Terab recanted his initial identification of Mr. Spruell and indicated that his view was obstructed, that he assumed it was Mr. Spruell because Dior Creighton and Mr. Spruell were always together, and that he had been mistaken. Mr. Terab then identified plaintiff as the person who passed the gun to Dior Creighton based on a review of the surveillance footage. *See, e.g., id.* at 182:17-183:12, 185:10-16, 207:25-208:16, 210:5-9, 292:9-21. Defendants also note that A.D.A. Birns testified that he recalls being informed of someone who worked at the bodega but whose view was obstructed and, therefore, did not get a good look at what took place. *See, e.g.,* Plaintiff Ex. M (Birns Dep.) at 69:21-71:3, 72:2-18.

223. If the district attorney knew and a witness was actually present and was an actual witness to an event and identified somebody other than the defendant, it would be their obligation to present that evidence to the grand jury. Exh. N, p.143 l.14 – p.144 l.5

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion, speculation, argument, and legal conclusion, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. Defendants also note that A.D.A. Talty's testimony in this regard was based upon an inaccurate and incomplete hypothetical set of facts, which he was asked to assume as true.

224. Birns was not aware that the CI was going to be paid by the police for his testimony before the grand jury. Exh. M, p.134 L.14- p.135 l.6

**RESPONSE:** Admit only that A.D.A. Birns has no knowledge one way or another as to whether the eyewitness was paid by the police in connection with this case, and object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

225. The same set of grand jurors indicted Kenneth Creighton and Dior Creighton on different dates. Exh. N, p.152 L.16 – p.153 L.8

**RESPONSE:** Admit but note that the cited evidence does not support this assertion. In any event, this is not a material fact.

226. On January 23, 2007, Kenneth Creighton was indicted by a grand jury. Exh. KK: Kenneth Creighton Indictment P00098.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

227. Dior Creighton was arrested for murder and other felonies on January 26, 2007. Exh. LL: DD five P00161; Exh. 00: NYC004458.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

228. Dior Creighton was indicted on February 1, 2007. Exh. NN: Dior Creighton Indictment.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

229. On February 1, 2007 Godino testified before the grand jury when the presentment was made regarding Dior Creighton. Exh. OO: Dior Creighton Grand Jury Presentation. Exh: JJ. NYC004693, p.32.

**RESPONSE:** Admit but this is not a material fact.

230. Theresa Gottlieb an ADA in the Bronx County District Attorney’s Office was aware in 2011 that there were files missing, including the memo book, original identification forms and other materials. Exh. R, p.41 L.4-15.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that A.D.A. Gottlieb believes there were files missing during the pendency of the criminal case. In any event, this is not material.

231. Gottlieb does not know what are missing from the original missing from the NYPD file [sic]. Exh. R, p.132 l.22-p.L33 L.6.

**RESPONSE:** Because this assertion is incomprehensible as written, defendants are unable to respond.

232. On August 9, 2011, Terab reviewed the altered surveillance video at Gottlieb's office in the presence of Detective Godino. Exh. K, p.373 l.25 – p.374 l.9

**RESPONSE:** Admit that, on August 9, 2011, Mr. Terab reviewed surveillance footage at A.D.A. Gottlieb's office, where he again identified plaintiff as the one who passed a gun to Dior Creighton, *see, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 211:8-11, 212:8-9, 378:22-379:4; Plaintiff. Ex. R (Gottlieb Dep.) at 143:12-19 218:24-220:17, but deny that the footage was "altered." Indeed, plaintiff's own expert witness, John Afrides, has stated, by declaration under the penalty of perjury, that the perceived editing and alteration "originated at the original DVR recordings." Plaintiff Ex. E (Afrides Decl.) at ¶ 15.

233. No record was made of what went on in Gottlieb's office on August 9, 2011. Exh. K, Godino p.380 l.2 - l.25

**RESPONSE:** Deny. The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. In addition, A.D.A. Gottlieb sent a letter, dated August 19, 2011, to plaintiff's criminal defense attorney memorializing the fact that, on August 9, 2011, a witness identified plaintiff in her office based on the surveillance footage. *See* Aug. 19, 2011 Ltr., Thadani Decl., Ex. I.

234. On June 3, 2015 Terab testified that it was not Ken Creighton passing the gun to Dior Creighton and verified it while viewing the surveillance tape. Exh. O, p.\_\_\_\_.



**RESPONSE:** Admit. However, defendants note that, through his criminal defense attorney, plaintiff has admitted to loaning Mr. Terab \$15,000 sometime after his release in January 2012. *See, e.g.*, Mar. 8, 2016 Crim. Ct. Transcript, Thadani Decl., Ex. F, at 6:23-25. Plaintiff also invoked his 5th Amendment right against self-incrimination at his deposition when asked about whether he ever paid Mr. Terab to make any statements in connection with this case, whether he ever promised Mr. Terab any money for his testimony in this case, and whether he ever paid Mr. Terab any money to testify that he saw Mr. Spruell pass the gun, instead of him. K. Creighton Dep. (May 27, 2016), Thadani Decl., Ex. G, at 17:21-18:7, 19:1-19:6, 38:4:18. Defendants further note that Mr. Terab has previously indicated that he is fearful of plaintiff and that plaintiff has physically assaulted him, robbed him, and threatened to kill him, and that he would never repeat that it was plaintiff who passed the gun in his store. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 183:13-24; Plaintiff Ex. R (Gottlieb Dep.) at 218:24-220:17; Mar. 7, 2016 Crim. Ct. Compl. Thadani Decl., Ex. H. Plaintiff invoked his 5th Amendment right against self-incrimination at his deposition when asked about whether he ever threatened physical injury, threatened to kill, pushed, punched, hit, or fought with Mr. Terab, and when asked about whether he ever threatened any violence towards Mr. Terab so that he would testify he saw Mr. Spruell pass the gun, instead of him. *See, e.g.*, K. Creighton Dep. (May 27, 2016), Thadani Decl., Ex. G, at 10:8-11:18, 38:19-39:1.

235. On June 3, 2015 Terab testified that Ken Creighton was not in the store at the time the gun was passed to Dior Creighton. Exh. O, p.45 L.2-4.

**RESPONSE:** Admit and refer the Court to defendants' response to paragraph 234.

236. Gottlieb was aware that when a witness is a paid confidential informant it must be disclosed to defense counsel as part of discovery as soon as reasonably practicable. Exh. R, p.170 LL.8 – p.172 L.9.

**RESPONSE:** This is an improper opinion, argument and legal conclusion, not a statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. In any event, the evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion and this is not material.

237. Dior Creighton pled guilty to attempted murder in 2012. Exh. R, p.102 LL.5-14

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

238. On January 18, 2012, Gottlieb wrote a letter to the court where she made a Recommendation for Dismissal that indicated that “Kenneth Creighton was arrested and charged upon the statements of a single eyewitness” who has become unavailable. Exh. PP: Defendants’ Responses to First Set of Interrogatories, p. 57.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that A.D.A. Gottlieb made a substantially similar representation to the criminal court although the evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion, and deny that it was contained within a “letter.”

239. On January 19, 2012 all charges were dismissed and plaintiff was released. Certificate of Disposition. Exh. F: Certificate of Disposition.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

240. On April 19, 2016 Kavan [sic] Thadani, defense counsel, stated “I have since made inquiries to obtain the tape and as far as I’m aware, the only tape that we have, the only VHS that I’m aware of, is the same tape that I showed them last summer or fall when they came into my office.” Exh. K, p.340 L.24- p.341 L.4.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that Mr. Thadani made a substantially similar statement however defendants note that, upon information and belief, the original videotape containing the surveillance footage is currently located at the Office of the Corporation Counsel and a copy of that videotape, produced by the District Attorney's Office during the pendency of the criminal case, is in the possession of plaintiff's attorneys. *See* Photographs of Videotapes, Thadani Decl., Ex. B; Plaintiff Ex. O (Terab Dep.) at 16:25-17:11; *see also* Dec. 13, 2007 Criminal Court Transcript, Thadani Decl., Ex. C, at 2:11-16. In any event, this is not a material fact.

241. On April 19, 2016 Thadani, [sic] defense counsel acknowledged that the original tape has never been produced and it is not in the possession of any of the parties or Corporation Counsel and its whereabouts is [sic] unknown. Exh. K, p.341 L.5 – p.342 L.10

**RESPONSE:** Admit that Mr. Thadani made a substantially similar statement however defendants note that, upon information and belief, the original videotape containing the surveillance footage is currently located at the Office of the Corporation Counsel and a copy of that videotape, produced by the District Attorney's Office during the pendency of the criminal case, is in the possession of plaintiff's attorneys. *See* Photographs of Videotapes, Thadani Decl., Ex. B; Plaintiff Ex. O (Terab Dep.) at 16:25-17:11; *see also* Dec. 13, 2007 Criminal Court Transcript, Thadani Decl., Ex. C, at 2:11-16. In any event, this is not a material fact.

242. When the CI was shown the surveillance video from the bodega during his deposition on May 25, 2016, he identified Kijafa Spruell as the person who passed the gun without prompting and without hesitation. Exh. U, p. 141, L. 17-24).

**RESPONSE:** Deny and object to the description of the eyewitness as "the CI." At his deposition, the eyewitness identified plaintiff on the video as the person who passed the gun to Dior Creighton and explained that he mistakenly identified Mr. Spruell at first. *See, e.g.,*

Plaintiff Ex. U at 194:25-195:14, 218:19-24, 222:9-18, 228:4-15. In any event, this is not material because the eyewitness's identification to police was not based upon any surveillance footage and was made nearly ten years ago, and the eyewitness testified that he had no doubt back in 2006 and 2007, and no doubt now, that plaintiff was the person who passed the gun to Dior Creighton. *See id.* at 181:19-182:5.

243. Even though Godino spoke to the CI after he had obtained the written statement from Terab implicating Spruell and not Creighton and after Terab had identified Spruell from a photo array, Godino's spiral notebook, the only record that contains any information whatsoever about the CI, does not mention Spruell. Exh. J.

**RESPONSE:** Admit, object to the description of the eyewitness as "the CI," and deny that Det. Godino's spiral notebook is the "only record" that contains any information whatsoever about the eyewitness. Defendants also note that Det. Godino testified that he made the eyewitness aware that another person had identified someone than plaintiff as the one who passed the gun. *See, e.g.,* Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 174:2-6. In any event, this is not material.

244. At the Grand Jury, the CI testified under a false name. Exh. JJ.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that the eyewitness testified under an incorrect last name, object to the description of the eyewitness as "the CI," but note that this is not a material fact.

245. Had Talty been advised of the conflicting identifications, he would not have authorized Creighton's arrest without further investigation. Exh. N, p.164 L25 - 165 L.16.

**RESPONSE:** This is speculative, inadmissible, and not a material statement of fact, and should therefore be stricken. Defendants note that there weren't any "conflicting identifications" at the time of plaintiff's arrest as, prior to plaintiff's arrest, Mr. Terab recanted his initial

identification of Mr. Spruell and indicated that his view was obstructed, that he assumed it was Mr. Spruell because Dior Creighton and Mr. Spruell were always together, and that he had been mistaken. Mr. Terab then identified plaintiff as the person who passed the gun to Dior Creighton based on a review of the surveillance footage. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 182:17-183:12, 185:10-16, 207:25-208:16, 210:5-9, 292:9-21. Therefore, the identifications were consistent, not conflicting. Defendants also note that A.D.A. Talty's testimony in this regard was based upon an inaccurate and incomplete hypothetical set of facts, which he was asked to assume as true.

246. The CI in this case had an extensive criminal history Statement Exh. U p135 116 – 136 14, Exh. RR.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that the eyewitness has a criminal history but deny that such history is “extensive.” Defendants object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

247. The CI was a heavily-addicted drug addict. Exh. U. p154 123 – 155 113, 156 16 – 117.

**RESPONSE:** Deny and object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.” It is unclear as to what time frame plaintiff is referring. In any event, the evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. In addition, the eyewitness testified that he was not using drugs on a regular basis around the time he saw plaintiff pass a gun to Dior Creighton. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. U at 31:19-21.

248. The CI and [sic] was paid for his grand jury testimony. Rule 56.1 Statement Exh. Up. 50 118 -51 L.12.

**RESPONSE:** Deny that the eyewitness was “paid for his grand jury testimony,” object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI,” but admit that the eyewitness testified that he

received \$100 after he finished testifying before the grand jury. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. U at 51:2-4, 103:14-23. Defendants note that the eyewitness testified that no one promised him any money for testifying, that he was not expecting to receive any money for testifying, and that he was not trying to get any money for testifying. *See, e.g., id.* at 196:7-197:9, 200:23-201:10. Rather, the eyewitness testified that he notified the police “[b]ecause they went out there shooting and didn’t even get the person they were shooting for.” *Id.* at 51:13-51:19.

249. The CI was actually doing drugs at the time he claims he saw the gun being passed. 29 Exh. U. p.38 l14 - p39 l23.

**RESPONSE:** Deny and object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.” The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. In addition, the eyewitness testified that he did not recall taking any drugs on December 26, 2006. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. U at 207:10-12. Although the eyewitness testified at his deposition that he remembered going to the bodega in order to buy drugs, he testified before the grand jury that he was walking into the bodega to buy “scratch off” tickets when he saw plaintiff pass the gun to Dior Creighton. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. JJ (Grand Jury Minutes) at DJ9.

250. Detective Godino showed the surveillance video to the CI. Exhibit K, pp. 260-261.

**RESPONSE:** Admit that Det. Godino showed the surveillance video to the eyewitness and object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.” Defendants deny, to the extent that it is alleged, that Det. Godino showed the eyewitness the surveillance video before he obtained the information from the eyewitness that he saw plaintiff hand a firearm to Dior Creighton, or, to the extent that it is alleged, that Det. Godino “fed” the eyewitness a story. There is no evidence in the record to support those contentions. Indeed, Det. Godino testified generally that he

“wouldn’t want to show somebody a tape and then get what they recall. I want them to tell me what they recall first. I don’t think it would be fair to show him a videotape first and then say make an identification to me. I want them to tell what’s from their mind first.” Plaintiff. Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 367:18-368:6. In addition, the eyewitness testified that he first saw the surveillance video at the District Attorney’s Office (not at the police precinct) and that, even there, he told the Assistant District Attorney what he saw before he was shown the video. *See, e.g.,* Plaintiff Ex. U at 173:21-175:2. Defendants also note that Det. Godino obtained information from the eyewitness, such as the events leading up to the passing of the firearm and the shooting and regarding what happened after Dior Creighton and plaintiff left the store, that could not possibly be surmised from the surveillance video. *See, e.g.,* Plaintiff Ex. J (Spiral Notebook) at NYC003525-NYC003528. The eyewitness also explicitly denied that the police or the district attorney told him what to say or told him to lie. *See, e.g.,* Plaintiff Ex. U at 201:11-25. Rather, the eyewitness testified that he had no doubt that it was plaintiff who passed the firearm to Dior Creighton because he saw it. *See, e.g., id.* at 181:23-182:5.

251. Godino claims he knew only of one instance where the CI allegedly provided information that led to an arrest but in that instance, the CI was not a witness but instead told Godino “who he thought the perp was”. Exh. K, p.116-117.

**RESPONSE:** Deny and object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.” The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support this assertion. In any event, defendants note that Det. Godino also testified that Det. Elliott informed him that the eyewitness has been his confidential informant for some time. *See, e.g.,* Plaintiff Ex. K (Godino Dep.) at 488:22-489:4.

252. Godino claims not to have known the CI had a problem. Exh. K, 459

**RESPONSE:** It is entirely unclear what is meant by a “problem.” In any event, the evidence cited by plaintiff does not even remotely support this assertion. Defendants also object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.”

253. The CI’s handler knew that he had a drug problem. Exh. U, pp. 155-156.

**RESPONSE:** Deny and object to the description of the eyewitness as “the CI.” It is not clear what is meant by “drug problem” and it is also unclear as to what timeframe plaintiff is referring. This is also speculation and therefore inadmissible. Defendants note that the eyewitness testified that he was not using drugs on a regular basis around the time he saw plaintiff pass a gun to Dior Creighton. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. U at 31:19-21.

254. Godino had never handled a CI. Exh. K, p.234, L.6-13.

**RESPONSE:** Admit.

255. Godino did not prepare a DD5 concerning his interview with the CI [sic] Exh. K., p. 244 L14 -13.

**RESPONSE:** Admit, and note that this assertion is duplicative of assertions made in other paragraphs herein.

256. At his deposition, Spruell admitted that he was the person who passed the gun to Dior. Exh. P.9 L.4-9.

**RESPONSE:** Admit but note that Mr. Spruell also testified that plaintiff and him are “brothers” or “like brothers.” *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. P (Spruell Dep.) at 100:7-9, 133:6-9. Defendants also note that, before he was shown the surveillance footage, Mr. Spruell inaccurately described the events depicted on the video, including the location of where the gun was passed. *See, e.g., id.* at 12:8-22, 13:8-11. In addition, plaintiff invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination when asked at his deposition whether he ever



promised Mr. Spruell any money for testifying. *See* K. Creighton Dep. (May 27, 2016), Thadani Decl., Ex. G, at 19:7-15. In any event, Mr. Spruell's "admission" at his deposition, which was nearly ten years after the incident, after he was told that he could not be arrested, *see, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. P. (Spruell Dep.) at 98:21-100:3, is not material and has no bearing on whether there was probable cause to arrest and/or prosecute plaintiff at the time of his arrest and prosecution.

257. The CI testified that he was in the back of the store buying and doing drugs when the gun was passed. Exh. U, p. 98 L15; p. 99, L.2.

**RESPONSE:** Deny and object to the description of the eyewitness as "the CI." The evidence cited by plaintiff does not support the assertion that the eyewitness was "doing drugs" when the gun was passed (nor does any evidence in the record support that assertion). Indeed, the eyewitness testified that he did not recall taking any drugs on December 26, 2006. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. U at 207:10-12. Although the eyewitness testified at his deposition that he remembered going to the bodega in order to buy drugs, he testified before the grand jury that he was walking into the bodega to buy "scratch off" tickets when he saw plaintiff pass the gun to Dior Creighton. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. JJ (Grand Jury Minutes) at DJ9. The eyewitness also testified that he was standing in the doorway when he saw plaintiff hand the firearm to Dior Creighton and that he had initially misremembered that he was at the back of the store. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. U at 172:3-12, 177:13-22.

258. Godino testified that the CI told him he was standing by the plastic door that goes behind the counter getting his scratch off tickets. Exh. K, p.260, L. 11-12.

**RESPONSE:** Admit but object to the description of the eyewitness as "the CI."

259. CI [sic] did not see Dior shoot a firearm on December 26, 2006. *Exhibit U, pp. 106-108.*

**RESPONSE:** Deny and object to the description of the eyewitness as “CI.” The eyewitness clarified his testimony at his deposition and testified that he had initially forgotten seeing Dior Creighton shoot the firearm. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. U at 186:21-25. In addition, the eyewitness informed Det. Godino and testified before the grand jury that he saw Dior Creighton shoot the firearm. *See, e.g.*, Plaintiff Ex. J (Spiral Notebook) at NYC003527; Plaintiff Ex. JJ (Grand Jury Minutes) at DJ12. The eyewitness’s testimony in this regard, almost ten years later, is not material.

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